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SENATOR ALLARD: APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVES \$2 MILLION FOR ACQUISITION OF BEAVER BROOK WATERSHED

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) on Wednesday announced that the Senate Appropriations Committee included \$2 million for acquisition of the Beaver Brook watershed in the FY 2005 Interior Appropriations bill approved Tuesday.

This funding represents the fourth installment in an ongoing plan to purchase the 6,000-acre addition to Arapaho National Forest. Beginning in 2001, Senator Allard has obtained \$13.1 million for this project from the Land and Water Conservation Funding, bringing the total to \$15.1 with the 2005 allocation.

“This purchase will provide unique recreational opportunities for Coloradoans, as well as greatly benefit the town of Golden,” Senator Allard said. “Beaver Brook Watershed is one of the largest remaining open spaces near Denver. The funding will preserve this area for future generations, while at the same time ensuring Golden’s future water supply.”

In addition, the area provides essential habitat for mountain lion, deer, elk, wild turkey, bear and lake chub (an endangered species in Colorado). The watershed is located in the heart of a 17-square-mile open space and scenic corridor that stretches from the Mount Evans Wilderness Area to Elk Meadows Park in Jefferson County.

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